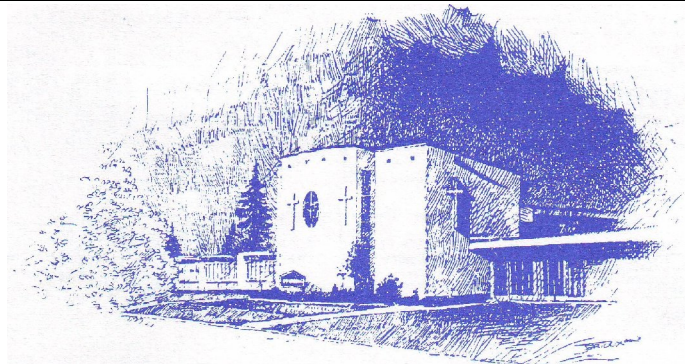

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(8 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am
(no morning prayer on holiday Mondays)

EVENING VESPERS

3rd Sunday of the month 4:30 pm
Wednesdays 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples called together:
To share the life and mission of Jesus, to proclaim the word,
to celebrate liturgy,
to educate and to serve, to see justice and reconciliation.
We confirm the gifts given by Christ to enable each person
to actively participate in the mission of the Church.

We are thus the living Body of Christ,
in an ever changing world.

PARISH STAFF

Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
School Fax	563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

4th SUNDAY EASTER

April 12/13, 2008



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child or children ready for kindergarten?

Have you decided where you will register yet?

Have you considered St. Mary's School?

We offer the BC Ministry of Education curriculum in a faith-based environment. Our staff are committed to modeling and teaching the Catholic faith and Christian values in all aspects of our school's life. We celebrate our faith in the classroom as well as in liturgical celebrations in the parish church.

We also seek to offer smaller class sizes, with a focus on the development of each child to his or her full potential.

There are still a few spaces open in our 2008/09 Kindergarten classes. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enroll your child at St. Mary's School.

For more information, or to register, contact :

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
School Fax	563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3

Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:30 pm (2:00 on Fridays)

Telephone—564-4097 Fax—562-3540 After Hours Emergency—562-4921

Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com

Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARISH YOUTH

Join us April 13th! 7-9pm! Bring friends!

HELP US!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection basket... every bit helps!

We have raised just over \$140! Thanks for your support!!

DYC DANCE DJ

We are currently looking for a DYC dance DJ (evening of April 26). This person would be responsible for playing songs for youth with a positive message. Please call Joe at 964-4424 if you or someone you know would be able to help us!

DYC 2008: The 14 Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held in Prince George on April 25-27. Deacon Harold of *Aerum Cordis*. **The Way** is our theme for DYC. All high-school age youth are invited. Be sure to mark April 25-27 on your calendars. Registration forms and further information are available from your parish or check: www.pgdiocese.bc.ca. Hope you can join us for DYC 2008!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED, DYC 2008

The Catholic community of Prince George will be hosting the 2008 Diocesan Youth Conference on April 25-27. If you can provide accommodation & meals for two or more youth during the weekend, please contact Simone at the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. Please note, a current Criminal Record Check is required for all adults in the household.

DYC THEME SONG – One Way by Hillsong United: Yes, One Way is our theme song for DYC 2008. Thank you to Lorna Richardson of Terrace and Andrew Johnson of Prince George who nominated One Way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Jacob Loti, Bridgette Payne, Evangeline Donnelly, Peter & Lil Derges, Sheree Johnson, Ron Roth, Lisa Norman, Denis LaRiviere, George Callaghan, Andrew Becker, Vicky Gutfriend, Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Emeilia Mauro, John Mauro, James McCloskey, Pam & Gordon Meyer, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, Detta Quinn.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated every month. Please call the parish office if you would like a family member or friend to remain on the list, or to be added to the list.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 12	7:00 pm	RIP Ed Dias
Sun	Apr 13	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Europea & Guiseppi Scuccimare
Mon	Apr 14	7:20 am	RIP Ileana Egli
Tue	Apr 15	7:20 am	RIP Mirko & Slavka Padro
Wed	Apr 16	7:20 am	RIP Judy Hurley
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Apr 17	7:20 am	INT
Fri	Apr 18	7:20 am	INT
Sat	Apr 19	7:00 pm	RIP Donald & Edward Morin
Sun	Apr 20	9:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

WESTERN CANADA MARCH FOR LIFE

The BC and Yukon Knights of Columbus, Campaign Life Coalition BC, Redeemer Pacific College and the Pro Life Society of British Columbia are joining together to launch a first ever **West Coast March for Life in Victoria on May 8, 2008**. The event begins at 11 am with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral and a Protestant service in a venue yet to be determined. Participants will then gather at Centennial Square to begin the march to the Legislature at 1 pm. The rally at the Legislature includes speakers and entertainment. As with other marches taking place on the same day across Canada, the purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the tragedy of abortion, its harm to women, their families and their unborn children, and to call our legislators to task for their reluctance to address this important issue. For more info or to register, phone 604-853-3425 or email natalie@prolifebc.ca.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The May 30-June 1, 2008 date for Catholic Engaged Encounter at Ness Lake Bible Camp has been **postponed** until the weekend of **October 31 – November 2, 2008**. Any questions, please contact Anita & Jeremy Comba by phone at (250) 964-2805 or by email: thecombas@shaw.ca.

JEAN VANIER EVENT—CALGARY

Jean Vanier is the keynote speaker at "Choosing our Future: Peace, one heart at a time", Thursday, June 19, 2008 at St. Mary's University College, 14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary. Dr. Vanier will do two sessions:

- 1) Young Adult Leaders Event: 12:30 – 6:00 pm (includes dinner), \$35. Ages 18-35. For youth ministers, teachers and social service providers who work with young people.
- 2) Public Young Adult Event: 6:30-10:00 pm, \$25. Ages 18-35. Registration forms are available on www.larchecalgary.org. Registration due date is May 19, 2008.

MOVIE RATINGS

It is a challenge to know what movies are appropriate for our families, children, youth and people of all ages. A couple of good rating resources are:

<http://www.usccb.org/movies/> (sponsored by the US Bishops)
<http://www.pluggedinonline.com/> (from the Focus on the Family people).

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

It is extremely important that you call 964-4475 to REGISTER for programs!

For more info visit: www.geocities.com/domanorenewal
Info on bulletin boards and at back of church.

Relationships

April 15—7 to 9 pm

Day of Retreat for Seniors

April 17—9:45 am to 3:30 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2503	Loose	\$374	Total	2877
School	\$471	Special Collection	\$55		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50				

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

It is a gathering of the universal Church, celebrating Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of evangelization and centre of the life of the Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he came that we may have life and have it abundantly.

In what ways do we experience this "abundant life" in living our vocation each day?

How can we help young women and men to discern the Shepherd's voice calling them to their specific vocation in life?

CIS TEACHING POSITIONS

Full-Time Grade 7 Teacher at Annunciation School, Prince Rupert beginning September 1, 2008.

Full-Time Grade 7 Teacher at St. Joseph's School, Smithers beginning September 1, 2008.

Full-Time Grade 5 Teacher at Veritas School, Terrace beginning September 1, 2008.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation sessions continue on the following Tuesdays: April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13. Confirmation & First Communion will take place on **Saturday May 10 at 2 pm AND at 7 pm.**

GRRRAPEVINE DIGEST VOLUME 3

Some copies of the latest GRR Digest are available at the back of the church. More copies will appear as we need them.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Conference is on May 2 & 3 in Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace. The theme is "Beloved, Use your Holy Faith" (Jude 20). Rev. John Paul Joyce of the Intercessors of the Lamb is the guest speaker. Registration Friday at 7:00 pm. Event ends Saturday evening. All are welcome. Info: Anita—250-635-6451 or acpage@telus.net.

Looking for a Leader

As sheep follow the voice of the Shepherd, we also listen for the voice of those who lead us. Today, many voices clamor for our attention. However, more and more we also are hearing the cries of Earth as she struggles to regain her balance, so she's able to continue providing quality of life for each of us.

What voices do I follow?

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Canadian Regional Conference will be held at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in Surrey, BC on **July 22-25, 2008**. This conference will be of special interest to clergy, mental health professionals, teachers, medical personnel, social workers, counselors, Rachel's Vineyard team members and alumni and any one who desires to learn more about post-abortion trauma and recovery, and healing from sexual abuse. For more information and registration details visit www.rachelsvineyardcanadianconference.com or call Janet Kormish at 250-762-2273 or Michele Smillie at 604-443-3256.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Cedars Christian School is seeking a dynamic and experienced professional for the part-time position of Director of Finance and Operations. Please forward your curriculum vitae to the attention of the Treasurer. A complete job description is available at www.cedars.bc.ca. Please include a statement of faith with your application. Review of applications will begin April 28; however applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Prince George Global Day of Prayer committee and the PG Ministerial association are planning to have a City-wide Prayer service on Sunday, May 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This prayer meeting is in conjunction with a world wide prayer day that is being held across the globe. It will be held at the Civic Center and an invitation is extended for everyone to participate together with all the Churches in the city. Their hope is to unite all voices together to be lifted up to our God who loves us all. You can get information from the various web-sites (www.globaldayofprayerpg.com; www.gdopcanada.com; www.globaldayofprayer.com); or Pastor Rich Phillips would be happy to answer any questions at 564-7434.

FRASER LAKE CWL

St. Andrew's CWL, Fraser Lake extends an invitation to all former members and former Spiritual Advisors to join in a celebration of thanksgiving and praise to celebrate their 40th anniversary. It will be Saturday, April 26 at St. Andrew's Church in Fraser Lake - Mass at 5:00 pm followed by dinner and social. Please contact Therese Stafford at (250) 699-6575 if you would like to attend or need more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 13	Mon Apr 14	Tues Apr 15	Wed Apr 16	Thurs Apr 17	Fri Apr 18	Sat Apr 19
4 SUN EASTER 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	5:30 p—Bapt Prep Older Children	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #2 7 p—K of C	7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Make Room for God	6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—Theo Tid- bits—Who will be Saved? 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	9 a—Kids Build Things 8 p—D & P Video 7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 20	Mon Apr 21	Tues Apr 22	Wed Apr 23	Thurs Apr 24	Fri Apr 25	Sat Apr 26
5 SUN EASTER 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers	5:30 p—Bapt Prep Older Children	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #3	7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Make Room for God	7 p—PPC 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants, are held about every two months. Please contact the parish office for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We have revised our baptism preparation program for older children. Parents who wish to have their child baptized (age 5 to 12) are asked to register their child in the Religious Education program. During the year they will have special sessions that will prepare them for baptism. Children in Grade 2 and up will also receive preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. Please phone Giselle at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

In the Diocese of Prince George, Confirmation and First Communion are celebrated together in Grade 2. Our sacramental preparation programme usually begins in January or February for the children in St. Mary's School and for the children attending Religious Education classes. For more information, please phone Brent at the school or Giselle at the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Various options for marriage preparation are available (see bulletin board for details). Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least 6 months before your intended wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual reconciliation may be celebrated on Saturday evenings between 6:15 & 6:45 p.m. or by appointment. Communal celebrations of the sacrament are generally held during Lent and Advent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith. Our Monday meetings are on hold for the moment. For more info call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK, ELDERLY & DYING

If you or anyone in your family is sick, elderly or home bound, and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call.

FUNERALS

Please contact the pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral directors.

FAITH EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the school. These classes are for the children of our parish who attend public school and who would like some faith formation. Please call Giselle at the parish office for more information. 564-4097.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The children celebrate their Liturgy of the Word with their adult leader and are given a chance to hear and reflect on the readings at their own level.

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Erin Beardwood

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Joan Craig

Chair, Finance Council

PARISH GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL is open to all ladies of the parish. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room (Freeman St. Entrance) at 7:00 p.m. Please phone Barb Marwood (563-0846), Carmen Foucher (564-8091) or Kathy Labonte (563-5581) for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 5246)

The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. Our General Meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, also in the Conference Room. For more information, phone 964-6785 or 561-9225, or visit their new website: <http://members.shaw.ca/kofc5246/>



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace is the Canadian Catholic organization that works for social justice for the people of Latin America Asia and Africa. If you would like to become involved in this important work, or would simply like more information please call/email Nadine Hale 563-4121 / nadinematwell@yahoo.ca. The Development and Peace web-site is www.devp.org.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call Bernie or Aime Trotter at 564-8943 for more information.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Drop-In Centre is located at 1220—2nd Avenue. We are open:
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun & Hol 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Phone 564-7871

Our Thrift Store is located at 1180—3rd Avenue. We are open:
Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone 562-5136

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Shepherd's Corner is a place where people who are experiencing challenges can gather, share their stories and be heard. Our volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart. We offer coffee, tea and basic personal items to about twenty people a day. Your time as a volunteer and/or donation of the following items is greatly appreciated: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, skin cream, combs, socks, pens, pencils, etc). Thank you and God bless.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Brian Bulgin, a registered counselor, offers counseling services out of the Domano Renewal Centre for couples and individuals. Please call 964-4475 for more information.

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, offers counselling for individuals, couples and families. She can be contacted at 964-4424 Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 for an appointment. One need not be Catholic to receive these services. Care will be taken to make the service affordable.

Sr. Donna Dolan RSCJ offers Spiritual Direction. Ongoing Spiritual Direction enables a person to pay attention to God's personal communication in life and prayer, to grow in intimacy with God and to live out of that relationship. Phone Sr. Donna at 964-4475.